

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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March 30, 2004

FROM: **JAMES A. FELTEN**, Public Health Director
 Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AWARD/AMENDMENT FOR
 LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION GRANT**

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the action of the Chairman in executing a revised Assistance Award/Amendment with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control in the amount of \$2,600,000 for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2007.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This item requests ratification of an Assistance Award/Amendment from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$2,600,000 for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant, for the period October 1, 2003 through March 31, 2007. The Assistance Award/Amendment was received by the Department on March 8, 2004 and required execution by the Chairman by March 12, 2004.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to State, local, and tribal governments for the development or expansion of programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned homes, with primary emphasis on making homes lead-safe for children.

On July 29, 2003, the Board approved submission of a grant application by the Department of Public Health to HUD for a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant in the amount of \$4,000,000. The Department proposed to identify and rehabilitate 310 homes countywide. Due to federal budget constraints, the Department's actual award was \$2,600,000. The Board ratified the action of the Chairman on October 21, 2003 accepting the award. The award included an approximated match amount, based on the minimum required percentage of twenty-five percent of the actual grant award.

This Assistance Award/Amendment being presented today reflects the revised negotiated budget and deliverables for the grant award. The actual negotiated match amount for the 42-month grant period is \$2,096,774, which includes \$1,852,320 from the three grant partners and \$244,454 from the Department. The total grant award of \$2,600,000 for the identification and rehabilitation of 200 homes, countywide, during the 42-month period remains the same.

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To conduct the proposed activities, the Department is partnering with three agencies: Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire (NHSIE); San Bernardino City Economic Development Agency (EDA) and Community Action Partnership (formerly Community Services Department). The first of the three partner sub-contracts was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 2, 2004. On today's agenda is an item requesting Board approval of the Community Action Partnership contract.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on March 16, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on March 19, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no change to the awarded amount of \$2.6 million. The Department has included \$329,200 in its Fiscal Year 2003-04 budget and will include \$871,200 in its budget requests for Fiscal Years 2004-05 and 2005-06, and \$528,400 for Fiscal Year 2006-07. Department matching funds of \$244,454 committed under this grant will be met through integration of this program with the Department's current State funded Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and through existing local realignment funds. Additionally, the grant partners have committed matches of \$1,852,320 to further enhance the rehabilitation activities as stated in the grant application. All other expenditures will be fully reimbursed by HUD. Approval of this item will result in no local County cost.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and recommends approval as it will impose no local cost to the County and will allow the Department to better meet the health needs of San Bernardino County residents.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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